- The National Food for Work Programme has the objective to provide additional resources to 150 most backward districts of the country so that generation of supplementary wage employment and provision of food security through creation of need based economic, social and community assets in these districts is further intensified. Foodgrains are provided to the States free of cost. Works are taken up under the programme in accordance with the Five Year Perspective Plan. The collector is responsible for preparation of the Perspective Plan and programme implementation.

Urban Areas

- The Poverty Alleviation Programme which seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or under-employed poor through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures or provision of wage employment is Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY). The programme targets the urban poor, defined as those living Below the Poverty Line, as defined from time to time. This programme relies on creation of suitable community structures and delivery of inputs is through the medium of urban local bodies and such community structure. It is funded on at 75:25 basis between Centre and the States. The Programme is applicable to all urban towns in India. The Programme is implemented on a whole town basis with special emphasis on urban poor clusters.

The implementing Ministries have systems of monitoring through mechanisms such as periodic progress reports, inspection by Government officials, Areas-Officers' scheme, Performance Review Committees etc. In addition, regular impact assessment studies and evaluations of specific schemes are also undertaken. Further, the release of funds is subject to receipt of Utilisation Certificates and Audit Reports. Based on programme evaluation and review, the schemes have been restructured and redesigned from time to time.

IHF criteria in selection of coaches and players

1840. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that current actions of IHF has made a laughing stock to our country's hockey;

(b) whether the recent dismal performance of our team is a direct result of whimsical knee jerk action of the IHF management in selecting coaches and players; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to stem this rot?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) The promotion of the game of Hockey (Men), evaluation of performance and taking corrective measures as well as selection of coaches and players are, primarily, the responsibility of the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) which is an autonomous society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.

(b) As per information received from IHF the performance of hockey teams in various age groups can not be termed as dismal. The details of achievement of hockey teams are given below:

Sl.No.	Name of the Event	Achievement
1.	Boys under-19 Malaysian Hockey Federation (MHF) Cup 2003 held at Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) in January, 2003	Gold Medal
2.	Boys under-16 Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) Cup-2003 held at Dhaka (Bangladesh) March, 2003	Gold Medal
3.	Three Nation Men's Invitational Tournament held at Sydney (Amsterdam) in June, 2003	Gold Medal
4.	4 Nation Hamburg Masters Tournament held at hamburg (Germany) in June, 2003.	Gold Medal
5.	6th Men's Asia Cup, 2003 held at Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) in Sept, 2003.	Gold Medal
6.	1st Afro-Asian Games, 2003 held at Hyderabad in October, 2003.	Gold Medal
7.	5th Men's Junior Asia Cup, 2004 held at Karachi (Pakistan) in April, 2004.	Gold Medal
8.	4-Nation Tournament, 2004 held at Germany in July, 2004.	Runner up
9.	Athens Olympics 2004 held at Athens (Greece) in August, 2004.	7th Position

(c) The Government supplements the efforts of the National Sports Federations including the IHF by providing financial assistance under various schemes of this Ministry for training and participation in International sports events abroad, organization of international sports events in India, holding of National Championship at Sub-Junior, Junior and Senior levels, training/coaching of National teams under Indian and Foreign coaches, procurement of equipment and by providing requisite technical and scientific back-up. Government has also appointed Observers for Hockey (Men) & Hockey (Women) disciplines to observe important activities including those related to selection of players.

Private participation for Sports

1841. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds earmarked for development of sports in the country is inadequate;

(b) if so, the steps being taken to enhance the funds for development of sports, especially in view of Commonwealth Games 2010;

(c) whether Government are considering to involve private participation for creating infrastructure for sports to that of international standards; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) and (b) 'Sports' is a State subject. The allocations for development of sports in different disciplines have to be made by the State Governments as well as concerned National Sports Federations. The Government of India supplements these efforts by making available assistance to State Governments, National Sports Federations, sportspersons and other institutions under the different schemes of the Ministry.

The allocation for sports during 1995-96 to 2004-2005 has risen from Rs. 55.00 crores to Rs. 252.00 crores. The proposed outlay for sports in the budget proposals for 2005-06 is Rs. 312.79 crores, out of which Rs. 45.50 crores has been earmarked for Commonwealth Games, 2010. During 2005-06, the ongoing Centrally sponsored scheme of Sports Infrastructure is proposed to be transferred to the state Sector.